Child Labour Free State Project in Karnataka

2296. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal from the Karnataka Government to include Mysore, Bidar, Bagalkot, Belgaum, Hassan and Tumkur Districts under the Child Labour Free State Project being implemented with UNICEF and Italian Government's assistance; and

(b) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EPMLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No Sir. However, Bidar district has been selected for inclusion in the Karnataka Child Labour Project to be funded by the Government of Italy.

(b) Does not arise.

Annual Job Opportunities Growth

†2297. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no possibility to generate additional job opportunities because of the possible lower annual growth rate from the target fixed during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) in what manner the employment opportunities are likely to be reduced as per the present assessment of Government?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the Tenth Plan Period. Out of these, nearly 3 crore will come from normal growth of the economy at the rate of around 8% per annum on an average. The remaining 2 crore will come from special employment generation programmes.

(c) Does not arise.

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